

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system for updating navigation information for navigation process executed by a navigation apparatus that assists in moving a mobile unit comprising:

the navigation apparatus, having an identifier uniquely associated therewith and provided with a transmitting device for transmitting the identifier to an updating center module;

the updating center module for generating updated navigation information corresponding to the navigation apparatus on the basis of the transmitted identifier to output the generated updated navigation information to a delivery base terminal; and

the delivery base terminal, which is separate and distinct from the mobile unit, for delivering installation of the outputted updated navigation information into the navigation apparatus.

Claim 2 (Original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the navigation information is recorded on a rewritable recording medium.

Claim 3 (Original): The system according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium is associated with preset authenticating information, and

wherein the navigation apparatus further comprises a determining device for determining whether the identifier coincides with the authenticating information, and only when the determining device determines that the identifier coincides with the authenticating information, the navigation information recorded on the recording medium can be read.

Claim 4 (Original): The system according to claim 3, wherein when generating the updated navigation information corresponding to the navigation apparatus on the basis of transmitted identifier, the updating center module associates the identifier with the updated navigation information as the authenticating information.

Claim 5 (Original): The system according to claim 2, wherein the transmitting device further transmits an additional information additionally recorded on the recording medium based on an instruction given by a user, and
wherein the updating center module generates the updated navigation information on the basis of the identifier and transmitted additional information.

Claim 6 (Original): The system according to claim 1, wherein the updating center module generates the updated navigation information using at least one of history information indicative of a history of the navigation process executed by the navigation apparatus and preference information indicative of preferences shown by the navigation apparatus during execution of the navigation process.

Claim 7 (Original): The system according to claim 6, wherein the navigation apparatus transmits at least one of the history information and the preference information to the updating center module along with the identifier by the transmitting device.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein the delivery ~~base terminal~~ is located in a production ~~base~~ facility for producing the recording medium, the production ~~base~~ facility comprising:

 a recording module for recording the outputted updated navigation information on the recording medium; and

 a shipping module for shipping the recording medium having the updated navigation information recorded thereon to a user of the navigation apparatus within which the updated navigation information is used.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein the delivery ~~base terminal~~ is located in a production ~~base~~ facility for producing the recording medium, the production ~~base~~ facility comprising:

 a recording module for recording the outputted updated navigation information on the recording medium;

 an incorporating module for incorporating the recording medium having the updated navigation information recorded thereon into the navigation apparatus which is brought into the production ~~base~~ facility; and

wherein the updating center module further comprises a location transmitting device for transmitting location information about the delivery base terminal to the navigation apparatus so that the navigation apparatus can be brought into the production base facility.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein the delivery base terminal is located in a sales base facility comprising:

a recording module for recording the outputted updated navigation information on the recording medium; and

a shipping module for shipping the recording medium having the updated navigation information recorded thereon to a user of the navigation apparatus within which the updated navigation information is used.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting device transmits a location of the navigation apparatus to the updating center module; and the updating center module further comprises:

a returning device for returning an instruction information indicative of the delivery base terminal which is close to the location of the navigation apparatus on the basis of the transmitted location, to the navigation apparatus, in order to bring the navigation apparatus into the delivery base terminal which is close to the location of the navigation apparatus; and

an outputting device for outputting the generated updated navigation information to the delivery base terminal which is close to the location of the associated navigation apparatus; and

the delivery base terminal is located in a sales base facility for selling the recording medium, the sales base facility comprising:

a recording module for recording the outputted updated navigation information on the recording medium; and

an incorporating module for incorporating the recording medium having the updated navigation information recorded thereon into the navigation apparatus which is brought into the sales base facility.

Claim 12 (Original): The system according to claim 10, wherein the recording module is authenticated by the updating center module as an authorized recording module.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for distributing updated navigation information which is obtained by updating navigation information for navigation process

executed by a navigation apparatus that assists in moving a mobile unit comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring an identifier uniquely associated with the navigation apparatus from the navigation apparatus;

a generating device for generating the updated navigation information corresponding to the navigation apparatus on the basis of the acquired identifier; and

an outputting device for outputting the updated navigation information to a delivery base terminal, which is separate and distinct from the mobile unit, for delivering installation of the generated updated navigation information into the navigation apparatus.

Claim 14 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the generating device changes contents of the updated navigation information so as to correspond to contents of the acquired identifier, to generate the updated navigation information.

Claim 15 (Original): The apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the generating device associates the acquired identifier with the updated navigation information to generate the updated navigation information.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising:

 a location information outputting device for outputting information about a location of the delivery base terminal to the associated navigation apparatus.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A system for updating navigation information for navigation processes that assists in moving a mobile unit comprising:

 a navigation apparatus, having an identifier uniquely associated therewith and provided with a transmitting device for transmitting the identifier to an updating center

module, the identifier including information about a version of the navigation information;

the updating center module for generating updated navigation information corresponding to the navigation apparatus on the basis of the information about the version included in the transmitted identifier and outputting the generated updated navigation information to a delivery base terminal; and

the delivery base terminal, which is separate and distinct from the mobile unit, for delivering installation of the outputted updated navigation information into the navigation apparatus.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for distributing updated navigation information obtained by updating navigation information for navigation processes executed by a navigation apparatus that assists in moving a mobile unit comprising:

an acquiring device for acquiring an identifier uniquely associated with the navigation apparatus, the identifier including information about a version of the navigation information;

a generating device for generating the updated navigation information corresponding to the navigation apparatus on the basis of the information about the version included in the acquired identifier; and

an outputting device for outputting the updated navigation information to a delivery base terminal, which is separate and distinct from the mobile unit, for delivering

installation of the generated updated navigation information into the navigation apparatus.